

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 755 - SB 630**

March 11, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes minimum contract lengths and increases, from one to two years, extension lengths which may be granted for contracts between the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (Commission) and a publisher. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to assist the State Board of Education (SBE) in making textbook and instructional material waiver determinations. Removes fines assessed against a teacher or principal for the use of unapproved textbooks and instructional materials, and instead requires the Commissioner of DOE to withhold states funds from local education agencies (LEAs) for such violations. Requires all English language arts textbooks and instructional materials to be aligned with Tennessee's academic standards by January 1, 2023.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-2206 authorizes SBE to waive restrictions on the use of unapproved textbooks and instructional materials if a school system's circumstances would require it; the proposed legislation will require DOE to assist SBE in making waiver determinations.
- DOE will be able to provide waiver assistance to SBE within existing resources, as SBE currently completes waiver determinations independently.
- The legislation removes fines for individual teachers and principals for violations related to using unapproved textbooks and instructional materials, and instead, authorizes the Commissioner of DOE to withhold state funding from an LEA for certain violations.
- LEAs will not intentionally violate prohibitions pertaining to the use of such materials in order to prevent the withholding of state funding; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to state or local government as a result of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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